

„Social assistance for seniors“

Abstract

The rigorous thesis aims at the theme of social services and care allowance in connection to care towards specific social services clients who are the elderly. The aging of population is the very actual topic not only in the Czech Republic but also abroad. The Czech population grows. However, the growth within the group of elderly is considerable compared to others. According to the forecasts, the population will still be getting older, and that will result in a greater need for care of the elderly.

The rigorous thesis consists of six parts. The first chapter deals with the aging and old age, including the ageism phenomenon, and outlines social assistance for the elderly as a part of the social security system of the Czech Republic. The second chapter aims at social services not only from the view of users (the elderly) but also of social services providers. The author has tried to analyse the potential difficulties of social work. The system of social services financing is also mentioned. The third chapter describes care allowance, eligibility for it, its control, and use. The rigorous thesis identifies deficiencies in the legal framework and outlines the *de lege ferenda* solution; both are crucial for the work. The fourth chapter includes demographical and statistical data regarding care allowance and social services. The fifth chapter aims at adherence to human rights at social services facilities, restrictive measures and their comparison within two legal regulations. The last sixth chapter deals with the protection of individuals in connection to data processing (GDPR) from the view of social services providers.

The goal of this rigorous thesis was to outline the current legal framework of social services and care allowance in connection to the elderly, issues of restrictive measures, and GDPR within social services. The author analyses the deficiencies of the current legal framework and brings to light possible *de lege ferenda* solutions for some matters.

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